

undeveloped agricultural land. There is a tendency amongst a few Chinese to buy up land in the neighbourhood of the railway and roads with a view to future development.

The Government have leased 88 acres of waste land at Fan Ling to the Royal Hongkong Golf Club who have laid out an 18 hole course, a large club house has been built and a bungalow has been erected in the neighbourhood of the links by a private individual. Three private families have erected or rented bungalows at Tai Po and further enquiries are being made for building sites there.

III.—LEGISLATION.

Forty-three Ordinances were passed during 1912 of which 18 were amendments to other Ordinances and 11 were connected with the Revision of the Ordinances of Hongkong.

The most important Ordinances were Chinese Marriage Preservation (No. 42), Foreign Copper Coin (No. 11), Full Court (No. 27) and Limited Partnerships (No. 18).

IV.—EDUCATION.

There are 63 Government and Grant Schools, the most important of which is Queen's College. Of these 20 are Upper Grade Schools with a staff competent to give instruction in all subjects of the 7th Standard and above. These latter schools have an average attendance of 4,054, and the medium of instruction in all of them, with the exception of four girls' schools, is English. The 43 remaining schools are all Lower Grade. They comprise one school for British Indians, where English and Urdu are taught, four Government Schools and 38 Grant Vernacular Schools. The average attendance at all these Lower Grade Schools is 1,984. The total average attendance at both grades of schools is 6,038.

The revenue derived from school fees was \$66,172.50 (of which \$32,720 was from Queen's College).

Two schools are limited to children of British parentage. Both these schools (one for boys, the other for girls) are under the Government. In 1912 the combined average attendance at them was 99.

The Hongkong Technical Institute affords an opportunity for higher education to students who have left school. Instruction was given in 1912 in Mathematics, Machine Drawing and Building Construction; in Chemistry, Physics and Electricity; in Commercial English, Logic and Political Economy; in French and German, Shorthand and Book-keeping. Classes in Sanitation (Public Hygiene)

and First Aid to the Injured are also held, the examinations being conducted under the auspices of the Royal Sanitary Institute, London, and of the St. John's Ambulance Association respectively. Classes for Men and Women Teachers are a feature of the Institute.

The Lecturers are recruited from the members of the medical and educational faculties of the Colony, and from the Department of Public Works, and receive fees for their services. The Institute is furnished with a well equipped Chemical Laboratory and excellent Physical Apparatus.

While the Technical Institute has suffered in several directions from the activity of the University, it continues to perform many useful functions of its own. The Normal Classes for men and women, the Shorthand, Mathematics and English Classes were all well attended, as also a "First Aid" Class.

The University of Hongkong was opened for teaching in September, 1912. Chancellor, His Excellency Sir Francis Henry May, K.C.M.G., Vice-Chancellor and Principal, Sir Charles Eliot, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.C.L., M.A., LL.D., Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, Professor C. A. M. Smith, M.Sc., M.I.M.E., Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Dr. Francis William Clark, M.D., Registrar, Mr. W. J. Hinton, B.A.

Faculties of Engineering and Medicine are fully established, and a beginning has been made in the Faculty of Arts. In the Engineering Department courses are being given in Civil, Electrical and Mechanical Engineering, leading up to the degree of B.Sc. (Eng.). The Medical Faculty prepares students for the degrees of M.B. and B.S. The Arts Faculty gives the degree of B.A. which like all the other degrees of the University is modelled on the London Pass Degree.

Five years of residence are required before the M.B. or B.S. can be granted, and four for the B.Sc. (Eng.) and B.A. There are three terms in the Session, which begins on September 15th and ends about May 31st. The fees are \$300 for tuition, and \$240 for board and residence, with a deposit of \$25 caution money. All fees are payable in terminal instalments.

The University has shown abundant proof of vitality. At the end of the year the number of students was 72, 31 of whom were taking Engineering and 21 Medicine. There is a Provisional Arts Course which gives courses in Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Chinese, English, History and Economics. While most of the students have studied in Hongkong schools a number come from Canton, the Coast Ports of China and the Straits Settlements.

V.—PUBLIC WORKS.

Of the important works in progress, the Law Courts were completed and formally opened by H.E. the Governor on the 15th January. The building contains 3 courts, the Court Library, the